

# *Westview Baptist Church*

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*“people learning to live Jesus’ way”*

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Our purpose is to bring glory to God. We will do this as we:

1. are transformed by enjoying Christ;
  2. love by serving others; and
  3. proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world
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## ***Transformed by Enjoying Christ***

### ***Teaching Sessions***

Today we continue our movement through Paul’s letter to the Galatian church. The Galatians who received and welcomed the gospel message and rejoiced in the freedom of Christ, appear to be considering going back into the confines of religious practice. They are considering returning to slavery.

Religious practice can be one of the greatest dangers in human practice, allowing a person the false sense of being right with God. Today we are going to consider the link religion has with Abraham’s actions which gave him a son: Ishmael.

Next week we will be looking at Gal 5.

# **Love and Service**

## ***Family News and Prayers***

Community prayer night is generally on the 4th Sunday of the month which is 24th November.

Weekly prayer group 6am Thursdays.

The FGB Dinner will be held on 18th November. Please see John S. for more information.

## **Living Faithfully in Our World**

### ***Typhoon Haiyan***

With the media spotlight only remaining on one world disaster for such a short time, it is easy

to forget that many people remain in utter disaster in the Philippines. Baptist World Aid has launched an urgent relief appeal to respond to the crisis. Gifts can be given by telephoning 1300 789 991 between 9am - 5pm or through [online donations](#).



## ***Legislative Changes***

During the week laws to change state laws regarding same-sex marriage was brought to parliament. It was 21 to 19 votes in the upper house. It is always best for state laws to reflect biblical truths so we can be thankful for the defeat of the bill.

## ***Christmas Carols***

Blacktown Anglican Church are running “Carols in the Park” on Saturday 14 December, 7.30-9.00 pm at Francis Green Park (Blacktown Showground Precinct). They are inviting all churches in Blacktown to come along and assist in evening. They particularly require volunteers to help with venue management, information agents, selling battery operated candles and so on. Please speak to Tony for more information.

## ***Praying for the Persecuted***

The [World Watch List](#) identifies the most persecuted countries in the world. A new country will be listed each week for us to pray for. So far 1. North Korea; 2. Saudi Arabia; 3. Afghanistan, 4. Iraq

### **#4 Persecuted Country: Somalia**

Terrorist groups such as al-Shabab are a threat to Christians and the general Muslim population. Christians made up of Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) and expatriate aid workers, face persecution from Islamic extremism. When MBBs are identified, they are eliminated and aid workers, Christian or otherwise, require tight security due to the risk of abduction. Maintained strictly as an Islamic state with no room for Christians. It is too dangerous to meet openly and families of converts are fearful that they might be suspected of conversion and risk execution.

## **Teaching**

Galatians: Jesus Alone!

6. Pleading for Freedom (Gal4.8-31)

Returning Back to Egypt 4:8-10

Romans 14:5

Colossians 2:16

Contrasting Paul's relationship and the false teachers,

4:11-16

Illustration from Abraham 4:21-31

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